

Indiana Department of Correction, Division of Youth Services 2016 Juvenile Detention Inspection - Compliance Report



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Inspection Date: February 23, 2016

Subsequent Visit Date(s): January 29, 2016
June 27, 2016

Technical Assistance Date(s): January 29, 2016
February 26, 2016

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INTRODUCTION

The new Indiana Juvenile Detention Standards are in the process of being adopted, therefore the 19th annual evaluation of the Hamilton County Juvenile Services Center consisted of an audit of the current 26 mandatory compliance standards or the corresponding 16 newly proposed mandatory compliance standards. Compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards is required to attain “Full Compliance”.

FACILITY INFORMATION

Facility county	Hamilton
Governing authority	Hamilton County Sheriff Department
Name of facility administrator	Jeffrey Marcum
Detention facility’s mission	It is the mission of the Hamilton County Juvenile Services Center to provide our youth with a safe, secure, and healthy environment by holding them accountability for their behavior through positive reinforcement; and provide the

	youth with an opportunity for behavioral change through various programs.
Rated capacity	70
Population on date of audit	5
Average daily population for the last 12 months	17.7
Average length of stay for the last 12 months	19 days
Year the building was built	2004-2007
Minor upgrades since last audit (i.e. painting, flooring, bedding, furnishings)	None
Major upgrades since last audit (i.e. plumbing, electrical, security system)	Fire- retardant trash cans and digital radios
De-escalation techniques training	Tools for De-escalation
Physical force techniques training	Close Quarter Combat Protective Training Services, LLC
Chemical agents permitted	Yes
Name of food service provider	Hamilton County Jail
Name of food service supervisor	Cindy Girtman
Name of health care authority individual or agency and license/certification	Advanced Correctional Health
Name of mental health care authority individual or agency and license/certification	Advanced Correctional Health

INSPECTION FOR COMPLIANCE WITH 26 MANDATORY STANDARDS

Auditors	Chance Sweat and Kristin Herrmann
File Review of the 26 mandatory standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zero (0) standards were identified as non-applicable, and zero (0) mandatory standards were found to be non-compliant. • Hamilton County Juvenile Services Center was in compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards.
Facility Tour	The Center was clean, orderly, and well-maintained.
Youth Interviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three youth, one female and two males, were interviewed about their experiences at the Center. • All youth reported feeling safe at the facility. • All youth reported the sleeping areas are uncomfortably cold and that the two blankets received during winter months was not sufficient to keep them warm. • Youth comments were shared with facility administrators.
Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No recommendations at this time.

SUBSEQUENT ANNOUNCED AND/OR UNANNOUNCED VISIT(S)

On 1/29/2016, a subsequent visit was conducted of the Hamilton County Juvenile Center by Chance Sweat. Sgt. Egan advised me she has started working on the new detention standards

requirements at this time. Youth were observed participating in education presentation by Hamilton County Parks Department and the facility population count was 14. All youth appeared to be in good health and all areas appeared to be well-maintained and sanitation levels in the facility were found to be above average.

On 6/27/16, a second subsequent visit was conducted of the Hamilton County Juvenile Services Center by Chance Sweat. The facility tour was conducted by Sgt. Egan. Youth were observed participating in education classes. The facility's population was 14. All youth appeared to be in good health. All areas of the facility appeared to be well-maintained, and sanitation was found to be above average.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE VISIT(S)

The Hamilton County Juvenile Services Center's education technical assistance visit occurred on 1/29/16 and was conducted by Chance Sweat and Kristin Herrmann. The education program follows the local school corporation's calendar and provides special programming during extended breaks. An instructional day is four and a half hours. Instruction is delivered via an on-site, licensed classroom teacher either utilizing a curriculum created at the facility, overseeing an approved online instructional program, or facilitating work assigned from the juvenile's home school. The method of instruction depends on the juvenile's need. Program staff includes two full-time teachers and one full-time aide.

The Hamilton County Juvenile Services Center's training and development technical assistance visit occurred on 2/26/16 and was conducted by Chance Sweat and Kristin Herrmann. The technical assistance provided included identifying key changes to the standards, answering questions, and discussing the facility's training plan.

CONCLUSION

Hamilton County Juvenile Services Center is in full compliance with the 2016 Indiana Detention Center Standards Audit performed by the Indiana Department of Correction, Division of Youth Services.

A certificate of compliance will accompany this report, which becomes public information ten (10) days from the date of mailing.

Please contact me at (317) 607-6507 should you have any questions concerning this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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